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RESPONSE TO NOTICE REQUIRING EXCESS CLAIMS FEES

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Sir:

This is in response to the Notice Requiring Excess Claims Fees dated September 19, 2006 for which a response is due on October 19, 2006. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

Applicant respectfully submit the appropriate payment of \$200 in excess claims fees herewith for the claims filed in the response of September 14, 2006.

In the event the appropriate fee and/or petition is not filed herewith and the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, Applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and authorize the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with this filing to <u>Deposit Account No. 50-3973</u> referencing Attorney Docket No.USGINZ02110. However, the Commissioner is not authorized to charge the cost of the issue fee to the Deposit Account.

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